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## **CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD TO OFFICIALLY OPEN NEW COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP**

### **Governor and Lieutenant Governor Expected to Join for the Ribbon Cutting**

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn. - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly constructed Combined Support Maintenance Shop on **Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Camp Hartell.**

**This event is open to the media.**

Governor Dannel P. Malloy and Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman are expected to join Connecticut National Guard leadership for the grand opening of the \$36 million, 112,000-square-foot facility.

“Ensuring that members of our military have properly maintained equipment so they are ready to respond at a moment’s notice is vital to our security at home and abroad,” Governor Malloy said. “We stand ready to support members of our National Guard today, tomorrow and years after they leave the service. Our investments today honor their service and ensure that we become even more effective in future missions.”

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The CSMS provides 12 tactical vehicle maintenance bays for Connecticut National Guard equipment, as well as specifically designed work spaces that address welding, electronics repair and calibration. It will support nearly \$325 million in vehicles and specialized equipment assigned to the Connecticut Army National Guard.

“Today we see the work our Connecticut National Guard troops do day in and day out to ensure their readiness to serve,” said Lt. Governor Wyman. “In Connecticut, we’ve seen time and again how critical these efforts are in protecting residents, and we know it is true for the troops deployed across the globe in defense of our national security as well. We are grateful for their service.”

The CSMS is staffed by over 60 full-time personnel, responsible for managing and completing all higher-level maintenance to the Connecticut Army National Guard’s more than 700 vehicles and thousands of pieces of specialized equipment located at facilities throughout the state.

“Camp Hartell has undergone major changes in the last decade, thanks to the efforts of those at both the state and federal level,” said Martin. “The maintenance shop is now the crown jewel of the post, and reaffirms our commitment to training, equipment readiness, and preparedness for both our federal and state missions.”

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The project architect and engineer is AECOM, headquartered in San Francisco with local offices in Rocky Hill and Groton. The contractor is the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, headquartered in Baltimore with Connecticut offices in New Haven and Shelton. Hill Engineering, headquartered in Dalton, Massachusetts, is the construction administrator.

Camp Hartell is named in honor of U.S. Army First Lieutenant Lee R. Hartell of Danbury. Hartell was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry on August 27, 1951 during the Korean War while serving as a field artillery forward observer on Hill 700, near Kobansong-ni, Korea.

## **DIRECTIONS TO CAMP HARTELL (FROM HARTFORD AND POINTS SOUTH/WEST)**

**I-91N from Hartford to Exit 40 (Bradley Connector), then take second exit (Route 75), RIGHT at the end of the exit. Follow Route 75 and turn RIGHT on North Street. Facility will be on your LEFT. Current security measures require media to coordinate in advance for entrance to Camp Hartell. Arrangements can be made at 860-524-4857 or 860-883-5336.**

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